



Nevada State Board of Medical Examiners

NOTICE OF INTENT TO ACT UPON REGULATION

Notice of Hearing for the Adoption/Amendment of Regulations of the
Nevada State Board of Medical Examiners

The Nevada State Board of Medical Examiners (Board) will hold a public hearing at 1:00 p.m., on Wednesday, February 16, 2022, at the Board office located at 325 E. Warm Springs Road, Suite 225, Las Vegas, Nevada 89119 with video-conferencing to the Boards Reno office located at 9600 Gateway Drive, Reno, Nevada 89521. The purpose of the hearing is to receive comments from all interested persons regarding the adoption and amendment of three regulations that pertain to Chapter 630 of the Nevada Administrative Code.

R180-20 Section 1 of this regulation extends the time for a physician assistant to not practice before an examination testing medical competency is required from 12 months to 24 months.

The following information is provided pursuant to the requirements of NRS 233B.0603:

1. The need for and the purpose of the proposed regulation or amendment:

The proposed amendment is necessary to make requirements for physician and assistants who have not practiced for a period the same; specifically, this extends the time that a physician assistant may not practice before an examination is required from 12 months to 24 months.

2. If the proposed regulation is a temporary regulation, the terms or the substance of the proposed regulation to be adopted, amended or repealed, or a description of the subjects and the issues involved:

The proposed regulation changes are not temporary.

3. If the proposed regulation is a permanent regulation, a statement explaining how to obtain the approved or revised text of the proposed regulation:

A copy of this Notice and the proposed regulations to be amended will be on file at the Nevada State Library, Archives and Public Records, 100 N. Stewart Street, Carson City, Nevada, for inspection by members of the public during business hours. Additional copies of this Notice and the proposed regulations to be amended will be available at the offices of the Board at 9600 Gateway Drive, Reno, Nevada 89521 and 325 E. Warm Springs Road, Suite 225, Las Vegas, Nevada 89119,

for inspection and copying by members of the public during business hours and on the Board's website, <https://medboard.nv.gov/>. This Notice and the text of the proposed regulations is also available in the State of Nevada Register of Administrative Regulations, which is prepared and published monthly by the Legislative Counsel Bureau pursuant to NRS 233B.0653, and available on the Internet at <https://www.leg.state.nv.us/register/>. Copies of this Notice and the proposed regulations will also be mailed to members of the public at no charge upon request.

4. The estimated economic effect of the regulation on the business which it is to regulate and on the public:

a. Both adverse and beneficial effects:

The Board does not believe that the proposed amendment will have a direct economic effect on the business of the practice of medicine or the public.

b. Both immediate and long-term effects:

The Board does not believe that the proposed amendment will have a direct economic effect on the business of the practice of medicine or the public.

c. The methods used by the agency in determining the impact on small business:

The Board sent letters regarding the proposed regulations and requesting information regarding whether the proposed regulations would impact small businesses to the Better Business Bureau of Northern Nevada, the Better Business Bureau of Southern Nevada, multiple chambers of commerce offices in the State of Nevada, the Nevada State Medical Association, the Washoe County Medical Society, and the Clark County Medical Society. To date, the Board has received no responses indicating that these proposed regulations will impact small businesses.

d. The estimated cost to the agency for enforcement of the proposed regulation:

Enforcement of the proposed regulations will not result in an increased cost to the Board.

e. A description of and citation to any regulations of other state or local governmental agencies which the proposed regulation overlaps or duplicates and a statement explaining why the duplication or overlapping is necessary. If the proposed regulation overlaps or duplicates a federal regulation, the notice must include the name of the regulating federal agency:

To the Board's knowledge, the proposed regulations do not overlap or duplicate the regulations of other state or local governmental agencies or any federal regulations.

f. If the regulation is required pursuant to federal law, a citation and description of the federal law:

The proposed regulations are not required pursuant to federal law.

g. If the regulation includes provisions which are more stringent than a federal regulation that regulates the same activity, a summary of such provisions:

To the Board's knowledge, the proposed regulations do not regulate the same activity addressed in a federal regulation.

h. Whether the proposed regulation establishes a new fee or increases an existing fee:

The proposed regulations do not establish new fees or increase existing fees.

i. If the proposed regulation is a temporary regulation, each address at which the text of the regulation may be inspected and copied:

The proposed regulations are not temporary.

Persons wishing to comment upon the proposed regulations of the Nevada State Board of Medical Examiners may appear at the scheduled public hearing or may address their comments, data, views, or arguments, in written form, to the Nevada State Board of Medical Examiners, 9600 Gateway Drive, Reno, Nevada 89521. Written submissions must be received by the Nevada State Board of Medical Examiners on or before 1:00 p.m. on Wednesday, February 16, 2022. If no person who is directly affected by the proposed action appears to request time to make an oral presentation, the Nevada State Board of Medical Examiners may proceed immediately to act upon any written submissions.

A copy of this notice and the regulation to be adopted will be on file at the Nevada State Library, Archives and Public Records, 100 N. Stewart Street, Carson City, Nevada, for inspection by members of the public during business hours. Additional copies of the notice and the regulation to be adopted will be available at the Nevada State Board of Medical Examiners office located at 9600 Gateway Drive, Reno, Nevada 89521, and the Nevada State Board of Medical Examiners office located at 325 E. Warm Springs Road, Suite 225, Las Vegas, Nevada 89119, for inspection and copying by members of the public during business hours, and on the Board's website, <https://medboard.nv.gov/>. This notice and the text of the proposed regulation is also available in the State of Nevada Register of Administrative Regulations, which is prepared and published monthly by the Legislative Counsel Bureau pursuant to NRS 233B.0653, and available on the Internet at <https://www.leg.state.nv.us/>. Copies of this Notice and the proposed regulation will also be mailed to members of the public at no charge upon request.

Upon adoption of any regulation, the agency, if requested to do so by an interested person, either before adoption or within thirty (30) days thereafter, shall issue a concise statement of the principal reasons for and against its adoption and incorporate therein its reason for overruling the consideration urged against its adoption.

This notice of hearing has been posted at the following locations:

Washoe County Courthouse - Reno, NV

Nevada State Board of Medical Examiners - Reno, NV

Nevada State Board of Medical Examiners - Las Vegas, NV

Office of the Attorney General - Carson City, NV

Office of the Attorney General - Las Vegas, NV

White Pine County Courthouse – Ely, NV

Nevada State Board of Medical Examiners Website: <https://medboard.nv.gov/>

**PROPOSED REGULATION OF THE
BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS**

LCB File No. R180-20

June 10, 2021

EXPLANATION – Matter in *italics* is new; matter in brackets ~~omitted material~~ is material to be omitted.

AUTHORITY: §1, NRS 630.130 and 630.275.

A REGULATION relating to physician assistants; revising the qualifications of certain applicants for licensure as a physician assistant; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel's Digest:

Existing law requires the Board of Medical Examiners to establish by regulation the standards for the licensure of physician assistants. (NRS 630.130) Existing law also requires the Board to adopt regulations regarding the licensure of physician assistants, including the required qualifications of applicants for licensure as a physician assistant. (NRS 630.275) Existing regulations authorize the Board to order an applicant for licensure as a physician assistant who has not practiced as a physician assistant for 12 months or more to take and pass the same examination to test medical competency as that given to applicants for initial licensure. (NAC 630.280) This regulation revises this provision to apply to an applicant who has not practiced as a physician assistant for 24 months or more.

Section 1. NAC 630.280 is hereby amended to read as follows:

630.280 An applicant for licensure as a physician assistant must have the following qualifications:

1. If the applicant has not practiced as a physician assistant for ~~12~~ 24 months or more before applying for licensure in this State, he or she must, at the order of the Board, have taken and passed the same examination to test medical competency as that given to applicants for initial licensure.

2. Be a citizen of the United States or be lawfully entitled to remain and work in the United States.
3. Be able to communicate adequately orally and in writing in the English language.
4. Be of good moral character and reputation.
5. Have attended and completed a course of training in residence as a physician assistant approved by one of the following entities affiliated with the American Medical Association or its successor organization:
 - (a) The Committee on Allied Health Education and Accreditation or its successor organization;
 - (b) The Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs or its successor organization; or
 - (c) The Accreditation Review Commission on Education for the Physician Assistant or its successor organization.
6. Be certified by the National Commission on Certification of Physician Assistants or its successor organization.
7. Possess a high school diploma, general equivalency diploma or postsecondary degree.